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Southeast Library System

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The Southeast Library System (SELS) staff is made up of two individuals, Jenni Puchalla, the SELS Assistant, and myself. Both the assistants I've had the privilege of working with in my time in this position have been bright and energetic individuals, that typically provide the follow-through with a lion-share of the projects I take on or say yes to. So, needless to say, when Jenni places something on my desk – which is a feat in itself – I always feel it's something I need to take a look at, and consider it a gentle well thought out nudge. This week she placed a copy of John D. Berry's "White Privilege in Library Land" from the June 15th issue of *Library Journal*. Within the editorial he prints a checklist of statements adapted from Peggy McIntosh's essay: *White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack*. Readers that can say yes to most of the statements possess "White Privilege" – and an overwhelming majority of us who work within the Nebraska library world, after perusing this list would find ourselves, no doubt, with this uncomfortable, yet most likely, appropriate label.

My discomfort with the label, "White Privilege", is I think two-fold. One, yes, I am primarily surrounded by persons of my ethnic background and there is a sense of comfort in that fact. And, two, I've worked hard to get what I have and where I am, which in and of itself is an oxymoron to the word privilege. My guess is that I'm not alone in my thoughts on this issue, and my hope is that we can get over that defensiveness, and take seriously efforts aimed at recognizing, acknowledging, welcoming and encouraging diversity. And, even though I'm somewhat taken aback by the word "White Privilege," that in itself should have value in understanding and learning so that privilege in the future doesn't need to be identified by skin color.

One of the ways we can support the ideals and values of diversity is an awareness of our privileges, that we don't often give a lot of thought, unless challenged to do so by something as simple as the checklist in Berry's column. The following are just a sampling of the statements (there are 17 in all):

- I can, if I wish, arrange to be in the professional company of people of my race most of the time.
- I can examine the majority of materials in my library, print or media, and see people of my race widely represented.

- I can accept a library position with an affirmative action employer without having coworkers on the job suspect that I got it because of race.
- If my workday, week, or year is going badly, I need not ask myself of each negative episode or situation whether it has racial overtones.
- In my library or professional work I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of color, who constitute the world's majority, without felling any penalty for such oblivion in my culture.

Another way to positively support diversity is to take advantage of educational opportunities – which is suggested by Berry in his column. The Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Conference October 6-8, in Grand Island, is one place those opportunities will be available. The program's preliminary schedule includes the following sessions: Ponca History & Heritage: Ownership of Cultural Information; Diversity @ your library™; Migrant Resources for Nebraska Libraries – and perhaps a few that stretch beyond the race issue, but certainly call into question privilege: The Importance of a Reliable Interpreter; Library Outreach to the Homeless; and Making Teens Welcome at the Library. In addition, a pre-conference that addresses the issues of working with the Latino population – Hispanic Voices @ your library™ / Voces Hispanas @ su biblioteca™.

Finally, I think we need to keep in mind the value of diversity as we seek to fill positions within our profession and in mentoring young people we hope to attract to librarianship. And, that as comfortable as we are, and as uncomfortable as change can be, typically once through it – things are made better, and if not better, we have learned something from the process.

We've survived lots of technological changes, and I think have adapted that role as a part of our livelihood as librarians, and it really has given us advantages we've never dreamed possible. So, what better challenge to match that effort than the human side of our profession and service, where we make certain to not get so comfortable at our stations that we forget about our professional ethics of equity and challenge ourselves to find methods of nurturing and valuing difference.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Preconference Events

2004 Pre-Conference for NLA/NEMA

Hispanic Voices @ your library™



Voces Hispanas @ su biblioteca™

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Morning Session: "Spanish That Works", Elisabeth Almann, 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Sessions:

Session I: Multicultural Consultant, Yolanda Cuesta, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Session II: Hispanic authors, Francisco Jimenez (Golden Sower Award nominee), and Luis Rodriquez, 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island

Registration deadline is Friday, September 24, 2004.

For more information: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/2004PreConf.html>

Sponsored by: the Paraprofessional, Special & Institutional, School Children's and Young People's Sections of the Nebraska Library Association; Nebraska Educational Media Association; Scottsbluff Public Library; and the Omaha Public Library (South Branch). This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission and in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administering the Library Services and Technology Act through the Nebraska Library Commission.

Mark your calendars . . .



For the Nebraska Regional Library Systems 2004 Pre-conference to NLA/NEMA, "**Ways to Construct an Evaluation**", on October 6th from 10:00 to 3:00. Lynn Bradman, PhD. Student at ISU and Social Science Instructor for Metro Community College in Omaha, will be our presenter. Lynn will provide you with the best practices in constructing an evaluation. Information will be useful for program evaluations, long range planning and for staff evaluations.

We hope to see you on **October 6th**. Registration form and information available at:

www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/index.html

Chuckwagon Dinner on the Plains

Howdy Partner!!!

You're all invited to a big roundup on Wednesday, October 6, in the evening startin' at 5:45 p.m. at the Stuhr Museum. Grab your casual duds, pony up and come early!!!

First, we have two bang-up programs for your pleasure at 6:00 p.m.

Program Name	Presenter	Place
Pawnee Life.....	Thor Elliot.....	at the earthlodge
Treasures at Stuhr.....	Leslie Vollnogle.....	at the main building

Choose one to enjoy. Each of these folks put on a mighty fine little program.

At 7:00 p.m. we'll mosey on over to the Stuhr Gallery for a grand Chuckwagon Dinner on the Plains. Mr. Whitefoot has rustled up heaps of food for us. Nothing can hold a candle to his vittles.

During dinner, Mr. Sayre is goin' to play some ace-high tunes for your entertainment.



All this.....a program and a meal for a mere 10 bucks.
(optional vegetarian meal is available)

A cash bar will also be available to wet your whistle.
So stop by our campfire and we'll have a real Rip Roarin' Time!!



To register: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

Come see the King! The King of Rock 'n Roll that is!
Elvis will swivel his hips, come swivel yours at

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
sponsoring the
NLA/NEMA

Banquet and '50's Style Sock Hop



Thursday, October 7th
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Grand/Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn
\$20

Good Golly, Miss Molly! Don't Be Cruel, Dream Along with Me while listening to the library band, the Bookends, play a couple of familiar hits.

Then Rock Around the Clock and skin the cat with a DJ who will have you yelling Great Balls of Fire and Do You Wanna Dance?

Eventually though we'll have to say Goodnight, Irene
and get ready for Friday's sessions.

Register at: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

Conference Events

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July



July 9th: Joint CASTL Meeting with Library Trustees at Auburn Memorial Library, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. See page 7 for details.

July 9th: A meeting of the Nebraska Library Commissioners will be held from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, Nebraska. Meeting will be open to the public. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls at (800)207-2665 or mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

July 13th: NEBASE Online Session: CatExpress Training. A basic workshop on CatExpress, the web-based, copy-cataloging interface to OCLC's WorldCat. Topics include searching, choosing the proper record, setting and deleting holdings, entering information in optional data fields, printing labels, retrieving MARC records for loading into your local system and using the Monthly Transaction Reports to monitor your usage. Presenter: Christa Burns. CE Credits: 2 hours. Register by July 15th at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nebase/onlineessionsdesc.html#Registration. There is no cost to participate in this online session, but registration is required. For more information contact: Jeannette Powell, (800)307-2665 or e-mail: jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.

July 16th: State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting at Nebraska Library Commission, in the Crane Room, beginning at 9:45 a.m. The meeting is open to the public. Contact Maria Medrano-Nehls for additional information: (800)307-2665 or e-mail at: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.

July 22nd: From 4 - 6 p.m. the Nebraska Bookstore, 1300 Q Street, will sponsor a short program and book signing by Raneta Lawson Mack and Michael Kelly, two Creighton University law professors who are the authors of "Equal Justice in the Balance," a new book from University of Michigan Press. The book is a powerful critique of the impact the conduct of the war on terrorism has had on civil liberties in the U.S. At 7 p.m. at the Malone Center at 2032 U Street, there will be a **public rally** to support passage by the Lincoln City Council of the **Defense of Liberty resolution**. With this resolution Lincoln will join over 330 other U.S. communities calling to change those parts of the Act that undermine a free and open society. For more information on either of these events, contact Mark Weddleton at mark@weddleton.com or (402) 499-6672.

July 23rd: "We're All In This Personnel Thing Together" workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Platte River State Park with attorneys: Maggie Stine and Jack Schulz. Contact Jacque Crocker at jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us or 800-307-2665 to register.

July 25th - 27th: Midwest Internet Institute at Southwest High School in Lincoln (7001 S. 14th Street). During the Institute, participants may freely attend over 100 continuous 45-minute breakout sessions. Session topics will include: Web development, Internet curriculum integration, student publishing on the web, web-based multimedia, Internet searching strategies, copyright guidelines on the Internet, Web authoring tools, Web server management and more! There are also optional extended-time hands-on workshops offered for an additional fee that include: Making a Bang with Macromedia FireWorks; Digital Photo Editing Classroom Projects; Using Multimedia to Enhance Lessons in Manila; Constructing Manageable Web Sites with DreamWeaver and Contribute; Internet Safety for High School, Middle School and Elementary with iSafe; PhotoShop Elements; Manila Basics; Creating Online Learning; Internet 101; Handheld Computing; iPhoto and iMovie for the Macintosh; Portable Documents with Acrobat PDF Files; Internet Search Strategies; Using Inspiration to Plan Your Web Site; MovieMaker; and Weblogging. For more information on the Institute and to register go to: mii.lps.org/workshop.html. The Institute is a tremendous training opportunity for everyone.

July 31st: Norfolk Public Library's 10th Annual Literature Festival at the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College, 801 East Benjamin Avenue in Norfolk. Programs include:

Golden Sower Previews; Illustrator – Robert J. Blake (Riptide and Togo); Authors – Elisa Carbone (Storm Warriors), and Will Weaver (Memory Boy). The festival includes autograph sessions with the presenters and books displays and sales. For more information or to register contact: Karen Drevo at: kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us or (402)844-2100. If you're interested in carpooling with the System office to the festival, let us know.

August

- ★ **August 5th:** Joint **CASTL Meeting with School Media Specialists** at Burkley Resource Center Library in DeWitt from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. See page 8 for details.
- ★ **August 13th:** **SELS Board Meeting and retreat** at Beatrice Public Library at 10 a.m.
- ★ **August 19th:** **2004 Database Roadshow** at Morton-James Public Library (Nebraska City) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular database. During each segment we will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands on time to practice what they learned. There is no cost, lunch is on your own, and you can earn 5 CE credits. To register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html. For more information contact Jeannette Powell at: (800)307-2665 or e-mail: jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.

September

- September 10th:** **Nebraska Library Commissioner's meeting** from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: (800)307-2665 or e-mail: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us.
- ★ **September 17th:** **CASTL meeting** at Greenwood Public Library, starting at 10 a.m. In addition to CE and the round robin discussion, there will be a tour of the chocolate factory.
- September 17th & 18th:** **Thirteenth Annual Nebraska Book Festival** sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Humanities Council. The University of Nebraska at Kearney will host. Special activities will focus on the featured book, *A Different Plain: Contemporary Nebraska Fiction Writers*, edited by Ladette Randolph with an Introduction by Mary Pipher, and published by the University of Nebraska Press. Sessions throughout Saturday will offer the opportunity to meet many of the authors, hear them read, and ask them questions. Libraries interested in participating in book discussions prior to the Festival can receive a special purchase discount. Contact Jeanne Saathoff, Kearney Public Library & Information Center Director, 2020 First Avenue, Kearney NE, 68847-5306, 308-233-3280, e-mail: jsaathoff@kearneygov.org or Susanne Bloomfield, Nebraska Book Festival Director, 74064 L Road, Holdrege NE, 68949, 308-995-8547, e-mail: bloomfields@unk.edu. For more information about the Thirteenth Annual Nebraska Book Festival see the Festival Web site at: www.unk.edu/acad/english/nebrskabookfestival/home.html.
- September 30th:** **Association for Library Service to Children 2004 National Institute** at the Hilton Minneapolis (MN). A preconference will be held September 30th - Understanding Poverty: An Overview AS It Relates to Library Service to Children, their Parents, and Caregivers. Programs for the conference are Middle School Readers: The Topsy-Turvy Tween Years; Developmental Issues and Literacy Needs of Middle School Readers; Outcome-Based Evaluation – the ABC's of OBE: Planning Reporting for Programs that Matter; Building Design, Form, Flexibility and Function: Design Ideas. For more information and to register, go to: www.ala.org/alsc.

October

- October 6th- 8th:** **NLA/NEMA Conference** in Grand Island. For information and registration go to: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info.
- October 20th – 24th:** **Mountain Plains Library Association and Colorado Association of Libraries Conference** in Denver. For more information and registration go to: www.cal-webs.org/#25 or www.usd.edu/mpla/conferences.html. See page 9 for info on possible bus trip.
- ★ **October 28th & 29th:** **Youth Services Retreat** at Camp Carol Joy Holling, sponsored by Eastern and Southeast Library System. Mark the date on your calendars now!



NEWS Around the System



The kids in the preschool through first grade group at **Dvoracek Memorial Library** in Wilber formed a covered wagon with hula hoops and a sheet. We had a team of 8 "horses" and "families" walking behind the covered wagon. Our "chuck wagon" was actually our garden cart. The kids in the SRP donated the canned goods for Saline Elder-care's food bank.

Nancy Vacek and Susie Homolka

We [**Pawnee City Public Library**] are having 3 craft mornings for three different age groups from 1st through 12th. These sessions are being facilitated by our three Jr. Clerks, Britney Cheever, Sarah Gyhra and Mackenzie Spitser. Each Jr. Clerk is choosing the craft for their age group and with lots of help from volunteers we have successfully held our first session (age group grades 1-4) this June 18. We did several foam art projects and collage with them. Next is July's morning session grades 5-7 (craft undecided) then August (origami) for the teens and up. We have gotten some great door prizes and grab bag stuff for the kids as well.

P.S. if you buy from Ingram they have origami paper! I have ordered it but not gotten it yet but I think since I know the company is Dover it will be nice stuff!! When searching try "Dover origami" or "origami paper" for other company's products. Have a good & safe summer everybody.

Mary Friedly

At **Weeping [Water Public Library]** we are having a month long book sale. We are having our Summer Reading in July: first week is welcoming everyone, second week we're having magician Jeff Quinn, third week we're traveling to the Henry Doorly Zoo, & the last week musician David Marsh will entertain us. We have had a lot of registrations. I have a feeling we will break records for our attendance.

Jan Aronson

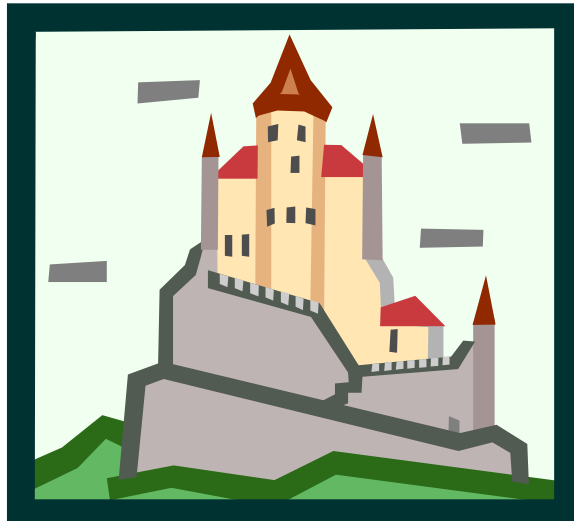
Discover New Trails @ your library meant three weeks of fun and learning for Young Adults at **Kilgore Memorial Library** in York. A three-week, six session series for 6, 7, and 8 graders that met from 7-8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, left youth wanting more. The first week, designated as "EnTRAILS - Grossology 101," was spent exploring the trails that are inside the body. Youth made snot out of household chemicals, learned about how burps are formed using balloons, made other even more disgusting body products and watched a video entitled "Osmosis Jones." The second week, "Trails to the Sky" was spent watching and reporting on (handmade) planets with (handmade) telescopes and discussing the recent Mars landing. The youth also constructed lunar rovers out of their favorite construction materials: candy, frosting, and graham crackers. The rovers were immediately enjoyed without ever making it into space. The third week, "Trails in the Sand" used a pirate's theme to coordinate with the York Children's Theater production of *Treasure Island*. The youth designed individual pirate flags and made pirate ships out of shoeboxes and construction paper. The ships are currently on display in the children's section at the library. The last night of the program the youth finished their ships and had a library treasure hunt. The treasure chest was finally located in the darkened basement, under a black light! When asked for changes to the program, the word most often mentioned by the youth was MORE!!

Robin Brooks

CASTL

(Conversations Among Small Town Librarians)

Meetings



July 9th: Auburn Memorial Library - This will be a joint meeting with Library Board members. We will be watching Board Orientation 101– which allows you to get your new board members, as well as current board members, up to speed including job descriptions and organizational charts.

August 5th: Burkley Resource Center/DeWitt - This will be a joint meeting with Media Specialists. Vicki Wood will share information about her Summer Teachers program and school/library partnership. There will also be a drawing for one NEMA membership for attending Media Specialists and a drawing for one NLA membership for attending Librarians.

Following the morning presentations we will break for lunch and then we will be discussing issues and events in a round robin format. Join us for learning and networking.

Please let the System office know if you are planning on attending any CASTL meetings:
800-288-6063 or jennip@alltel.net

**It's that time of year again, the time when we look around at our fellow librarians and say "Gee, that person should get an award!"
Well, here's your chance.**

NLA New Members Round Table is now accepting nominations for the following awards to be presented at the NLA-NEMA Convention this October:

Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award

The Beginning Professional Award is a cash prize sponsored by Houchen Bindery. It is awarded to a beginning librarian or media specialist who has made significant contributions to library and/or media services in the early stages of his/her career



If you know a new professional who has:

- created innovative programs or services which improved library service in Nebraska,
- made exceptional use of local, state, or national library resources including special grants
- made significant contributions toward the betterment of library and community relations,
- and been active in professional library organizations on a local, state or national level

then nominate that person for the Beginning Professional Award. You can find an online printable form at: www.nol.org/home/NLA/NMRT/houchen.html

Mentor of the Year Award

The Mentor of the Year Award goes to an individual who has aided significantly in the professional development of librarians, media specialists or library staff, and, by example, has influenced their careers. If you know someone who has: had extraordinary influence on the professional development of one or more junior staff members, encouraged involvement of staff in professional endeavors, provided strong leadership, and set a good example of professional involvement, then you know someone who deserves the Mentor of the Year Award. You can find an online printable form at: www.nol.org/home/NLA/NMRT/mentor.html

All nominations are due **NO LATER THAN August 15, 2004**. Please submit the nomination form and any other necessary documentation to:

Holly Paxson
3635 Touzalin Ave
Lincoln, NE 68507

or as an attachment via email to: h.paxson@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us



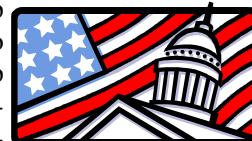
News and Notes

Become a Registered Voter!

If you have not yet registered to vote, or if you need to update your registration information, please do so now by visiting www.yourvotematters.org/ala. By getting registered at this site, you will help raise funds for ALA's national library advocacy efforts.

Promote Voter Registration @ Your Library!

You can also bring this voter registration initiative to your own library. Please visit www.ala.org/requestmaterials to opt-in to the program and request bookmarks, buttons and a tip sheet for promoting the program locally. By urging library users to get registered to vote at www.yourvotematters.org/ala, you will qualify for one of six grants and help raise funds for library advocacy. The participating library in the zip code with the largest number of registrants will be awarded a **\$1,000 grant**. In addition, the first five participating libraries in zip codes with at least 500 registrants will each be awarded **\$500**. Awards will be made in late fall 2004, at the completion of the program.



To access full information about Register to Vote @ your library, including an FAQ form, visit www.ala.org/register tovot. During the first two months of the program, 400 libraries have gotten on board. I hope you'll join us!

York Historian and Author

A retrospective exhibit honoring York native Wilhelmina Feemster Jashemski, renowned archaeologist, historian and author, will open August 1, 2004, with an Open House at Kilgore Memorial Library, 520 Nebraska Avenue, York, Nebraska. A program is planned for 3:00 p.m., during which time Dr. Jashemski is scheduled to greet attendees and answer questions via telephone from her home in Maryland. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited. The exhibit will continue through September 19, 2004, during regular library hours. The exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of Kilgore Memorial Library.

Road Trip!

Mountain Plains Library Association 2004 Conference will be held October 21-24 in Denver, Colorado – and done jointly with the Colorado Association of Libraries. Conference theme is: ***Libraries: All that Jazz***. Already in the lineup are authors Michael Willhoite, *Daddy's Roommate* and *Daddy's Wedding*, Connie Willis, winner of multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards, *Passage*, *The Doomsday Book*, *To Say Nothing of the Dog* and Avi, *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. If you've not had the opportunity to experience a national conference this would be an ideal time to make plans. Plus the Nebraska Regional Library Systems think this sounds like a great time to consider a group Road Trip. So, if you'd like to attend MPLA this year, and would like the opportunity to network on the road, as well as at conference – let us know that you might be interested in a large car-pool. If we have enough numbers interested we're hoping to charter a bus. For information on the conference you can go to: www.cal-webs.org/conference.html.

- ☐ I am definitely interested in traveling to MPLA as part of a road trip.
- ☐ I am considering the possibility of traveling to MPLA as part of a road trip, and would like to be made aware of any plans made.

Send your responses, including your name and contact information to:

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News and Notes

Dr. Elmer Baker was honored at an Open House at Kilgore Memorial Library in York, Nebraska on June 6, 2004 from 2-3 p.m. The Open House was sponsored by the York Public Library Board, Friends of Kilgore Memorial Library, the Southeast Library System, and Levitt Library at York College. Over fifty well-wishers gathered to share their stories of Dr. Baker and how he touched their lives or libraries.

Dr. Baker came to York in the late 1950's as a librarian at York College, and later returned to teach English, recently finishing his 40th year at the college. He served on the York Public Library board for over 30 years, held positions in the Nebraska Library Association, and was on the Southeast Library System board.

A Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission read, "**Elmer Baker**, in recognition of your achievement and service. For your outstanding leadership, advocacy, and support of improved library services and lifelong learning by your activities with Southeast Library System and Statewide NLA and commission committees and as a role model for other trustees." Dr. Baker's name can be found on the Nebraska Trustee Handbook, which he helped develop as a member of the Trustee's, User's and Friends Section of the Nebraska Library Association

Dr. Baker was not able to attend the Open House due to ill health, and passed away a week later on June 13th. His passionate library advocacy will be missed by the Nebraska Library community.



Dr. Elmer Baker and wife Wylene, as Elmer receives the Trustee Citation Award, 1999

Submitted by Robin Brooks

"PICTURES FROM THE OLD COUNTRY", which chronicles the filmmaker's quest to uncover the mysteries of her Slovak identity, after it had been lost behind the Iron Curtain, has been acquired for worldwide distribution by the prestigious CINEMA GUILD, INC in New York City. Haunted by her family's secrecy about her grandmother's past, the filmmaker embarks on a journey that crosses continents and generations - to learn about Slovakia, why her grandmother came to America, and who she left behind. Gradually the filmmaker fits together the pieces of the puzzle, and the telling of Grandma's story inspires her to connect with her family and cultural heritage - and ultimately, to discover her own Slovak soul.

You or your organization can now order the video for sale or rent from The Cinema Guild. It is available to general viewing audiences and also ideally suited for classroom instruction and curriculum enrichment. You will find it in their catalog under "World Cultures - Europe" as a new title.

You can access the Cinema Guild Catalog: www.cinemaguild.com, or request a catalog be mailed to you email: info@cinemaguild.com or phone: (800) 723-5522 or (212) 685-6242.

You can also watch for "PICTURES" this fall on select PBS Stations.

Source: Pat Wagner, Pattern Research

- ➔ ***They'll be on-line anyway:*** *Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA) has a list of fun web-sites for teens this summer. It includes everything from celebrity hangman (www.hotpopcorn.com/celebconnection/hangceleb), to Guinness world records (www.guinnessworldrecords.com) to movie databases (www.imdb.com) to a library's teen page (www.bettendorflibrary.com/teen/index.htm) where they can participate in book reviews and writing contests. The last link also has a terrific database of "Young Adult Books in Series and Sequels." For even more links, contact the System office. Now won't you look hip/rad/phat?

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- ➔ ***"The Perfect Tens":*** VOYA reviews many books each journal, basing their reviews on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest) for both quality and popularity. For its June issue, it collected "The Perfect Tens" (5Q 5P) from 2003: *Amaryllis*, Craig Crist-Evans; *The True Meaning of Cleavage*, Mariah Fredericks; *Keesha's House*, Helen Frost; *Pagan's Crusade*, Catherine Jinks; *Acceleration*, Graham McNamee; *The Dream Bearer*, Walter Dean Myers; *Lady Knight*, Tamora Pierce; *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, J.K. Rowling; *The Amulet of Samarkand*, Jonathan Stroud; and *Sorcery and Cecelia or the Enchanted Pot: Being the Correspondence of Two Young Ladies of Quality Regarding Various Magical Scandals in London and the Country*, Patricia C. Wrede and Caroline Stevermer.

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- ➔ ***Imagined Adventures:*** VOYA also compiled a terrific list of the "Best Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror 2003." More and more libraries are able to develop their own teen spaces or at least a teen collection to serve this important clientele. As Kim Bolan Taney, presenter of Teen Spaces at the NLA Spring Meetings, stated, "Why would we have terrific children's programs then ignore them until they are old enough to ask for money?" We need to build a positive relationship with our patrons from birth on and that includes those vital teenage years. VOYA is one of the professional journals the System routes, so sign up and get a helping hand in developing and keeping those teen/young adult collections strong.

April 2004, pages 10-11

- ➔ ***Reference this!:*** The American Library Association has gathered a list of the 2004 top 20 reference titles for small and medium sized public and academic libraries. "Books are evaluated on many criteria: suitability for the intended audience, price, quality of design and construction, quality of scholarship and writing, ease of use, and often, the need for a book on a given topic." *Encyclopedia of Terrorism*, by Harvey W. Kushner (\$125) and *Encyclopedia of American History*, edited by Gary B. Nash (11 vols. \$841.50) are two that jumped out. Let us know if you want the complete list.

American Libraries, May 2004, pages 40-44

Professional Literature

- ➔ ***Let's hear it for Maine:*** The State of Maine has budgeted compensatory funds to public libraries that will lose federal support if they decide not to install filters as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). In the past, Maine has had a policy of requiring public libraries to apply for any federal funds to which they are entitled. Those funds were then matched by the state's Public Utilities Commission through an assessment on telecomm carriers operating in the state. The enabling legislation . . . says that **libraries need not apply for federal discounts if the library determines that satisfying conditions for receiving that discount would substantially compromise the library's standards or mission.**" (emphasis mine)

Library Journal, June 1, 2004, page 22

- ➔ ***Get those kids involved in science:*** A children's librarian, Jennifer Prince, in Asheville, NC contributed a fun program idea to the *School Library Journal*. She calls it "Mad Science" and got help with the idea from two books, *Super Science Concoctions: 50 Mysterious Mixtures for Fabulous Fun* (Williamson, 1997) by Jill Frankel Hauser and *Kitchen Science* (DK, 2001) by Chris Maynard. "Attendance at the Mad Science program even exceeded a program involving a paid performer, which typically draws the largest crowds." Started as a summer program, the program has now grown to include events during the school year and into Super Duper Science Saturdays. She goes into more detail in the article, request a copy!

School Library Journal, April 2004, page 37

- ➔ ***Kids watching, listening, and playing:*** *School Library Journal* has a list of the Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) "2004 Notable Videos, Recordings, Software and Online Line Subscription Services for Children." Videos from 6 minutes to an 1 1/2 hours, recordings from *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* to *Rodzina*, software about wild birds and chess, as well as online services for United Learning and World Book Online help make up the compilation. Included is a list of distributors as well.

April 2004, pages 52-54

- ➔ ***New titles for your periodicals:*** *Figure-* "a new fashion magazine for women whose bodies aren't model perfect." *do!*- "provides home improvement assistance in the form of both inspiration and solutions." *Rescue Magazine-* "emphasizing life over style and asking its readers to slow down and live simply and fully." *Scarlett-* "elegant business/lifestyle magazine that celebrates the achievements of women in fields as diverse as business, film, and design."

Library Journal, May 1, 2004, pages 42-43

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Read Aloud Nebraska is pleased to announce that Mem Fox, best selling author of *Reading Magic* and such children's favorites as *Possum Magic*, *Koala Lou* and *A Bedtime Story*, will be returning to help us celebrate "Read Aloud to a Child Month" in Nebraska in 2004. Mem will be sharing her newest book, *Where is the Green Sheep?* with us!

The day long program will also feature breakout sessions by local literacy professionals and book signing sessions with Mem Fox.

AGENDA

8:00-8:45am Registration/Coffee/Book sales

8:45am Opening remarks & "Read Aloud Champion" presentation

9:00-10:30am "Why Reading Aloud to Young Children Changes Their Lives Forever" with Mem Fox

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10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-11:30am Breakout sessions include book reviews, strategies for phonemic awareness instruction and a book signing with Mem Fox.

11:30am-1:30pm Lunch on own

1:30-2:15pm Breakout sessions will be the same as above.

2:15-2:30pm Break

2:30-4:00pm "How to Read Aloud to Greatest Effect" with Mem Fox

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**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
June 22, 2004
Edgerton Explorit Center – Aurora, Nebraska**

Board Members present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Public Schools); Ken Gunselman (York College, Levitt Library); Steve Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Alicia Graybill (Fairbury); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center).

Also present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Richard Miller (NLC); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library).

Board Members absent:

Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, Falls City); Jelayne Clark (Talmage); Boni Hathaway (Peru State College).

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Baker called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Board members then discussed current activities taking place at their libraries.

II. Announcement of New Board Members: Brenda Ealey announced the results of the recent Board election. Becky Baker was re-elected for a second term. Tom Schmitz of Nebraska Regional Center Library - Lincoln and Robin Brooks of Kilgore Memorial Library - York were elected for their first terms.

III. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Steve Hunt, second by Sandy Elton, the minutes from the April 2, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected (One Book *May* Librarians should read One Book *Many* Librarians). Motion passed.

IV. Financial Report: Jenni discussed the current financial report. She noted that funds from the Summer Reading workshop were carried over from last year, so that line doesn't reflect the current year's actual expense. Jenni also noted that SELS has begun to charge for color printing of brochures, the legislative postcards, and etc. for library ventures. This will help offset the fees from the service agreement SELS has for the color printer. The Board then reviewed the transaction report. On a motion by Alicia Graybill, second by Debbie Goossen, the transaction report was approved. Motion passed.

V. SELS 2003/2004 Proposed Budget & Contracts: Brenda noted that the Executive Committee met on June 14, 2004 to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2004-2005. The total for the proposed budget is \$106,317.00. The Committee recommended the budget as proposed, which includes a 4% increase for salaries and insurance coverage costs. The Board discussed the contracts for both the System Administrator and the Administrative Assistant. The proposed budget passed, with a second not required. Brenda reminded the Board that we should not automatically assume that SELS will receive E-rate discounts. The budget line for phone/WATS includes projections for e-rate discounts.

VI. Administrator's Report: Brenda's report was discussed. SELS has been very active in providing continuing education opportunities for area library staff. This included the Pat Wagner Marketing Training, SELS Training Extravaganza, and NEMA/SELS Training. Brenda also discussed her attendance at ALA's National Legislative Days in Washington, D.C. in May. SELS's annual report was also presented and discussed, complete with color photos of SELS activities.

VII. NLC Report: Richard Miller reported on upcoming continuing education opportunities at NLC, including Salient Training. He also reported that he would be attending the League of Municipalities Conference in Kearney to represent NLC and library issues. NLC and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems will have a joint display and table at the League Conference.

VIII. Election of Board Officers: The slate of officers was approved on a motion by Sandy Elton, second by Alicia Graybill. Motion carried. Officers for the 2004-2005 year will be: President – Becky Baker; Vice President – Jan Thomsen; Treasurer – Rebecca Bernthal; Secretary – Lisa Olivigni.

IX. Committee Meetings: The Board will go into committee meetings at the conclusion of today's meeting. The Board will depart from the committee meetings and not reconvene as the full Board.

X. August Board Meeting/ Planning Retreat: Various locations and dates were discussed. Brenda will check with Beatrice to see if their meeting room would be available either August 12 or August 13, 2004.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next SELS Board Meeting will be announced once arrangements have been made.

July/August 2004

Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: "I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today and I'm going to be happy in it."

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